

5th 2024

Minutes of March 6th, 2024 Wakarusa Town Council Meeting

PRESENT: Rocco Rigsby, Carl Gilbert, Annette Brown, Randall Mitschelen, Phil Klotz – Town Council, Holly Landis – Town Manager, Katie Fromer – Clerk-Treasurer, Charlie Zercher – Town Attorney

President Rigsby called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilman Klotz made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the February 6th, 2024 Council meeting. Councilwoman Brown seconds. Approved.

Councilman Rigsby welcomed any visitors who wished to address the Council.

Richard Witmer from South Washington street inquired about the lawn next to the newly paved roads and new curbs. Witmer states the dirt has sunk and flags are still in the ground. Town Manager Landis responded that the flags are for Community Fiber, new locates have been called in by Community Fiber to complete restoration work. The Town is working with Rieth Riley regarding necessary repairs on Sunset Ct. Ideally additional topsoil will be put down and grass re-seeded, but details are still being worked out.

Judy Briganti explained her previous conversation with Councilman Gilbert about the drainage on Sunset Ct. in the cul-de-sac and states if drainage tile is going to be placed in her yard, she would appreciate as much notice ahead of time as possible. Councilman Klotz states the Town is not satisfied with the project updates and the project has not been closed out. Continued progress of the project will be communicated with affected residents.

Tess Parshall thanked the Police Department for placing the new flock cameras on SR 19.

Councilwoman Brown made a motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2024-1, amending Salary Ordinance 2023-3 on the first reading. Councilman Klotz seconds. Approved.

The Council reviewed the 2023 Annual Financial Report.

Marshal Hershberger introduced 2 new Wakarusa police officers. David Radcliff has been a Wakarusa Police Reserve for 7 years. Radcliff will be attending the police academy in 2024. Travis Waits is from South Bend where he has experience working for the City of South Bend and the South Bend Police Department.

Council President Rigsby swore in new officers, David Radcliff and Travis Waits, to the Wakarusa Police Department.

Councilman Klotz made a motion to allow DLZ to publish bids for the Keystone lift station project. Councilwoman Brown seconds. Approved.

Councilman Klotz made a motion to allow DLZ to publish bids for the water treatment facility improvements. Councilman Gilbert seconds. Approved.

Town Manager Landis made a request to add Jolinda Lengacher and Steve Brown to the Tree Board. Councilwoman Brown sustained from voting. Councilman Klotz made a motion to approve Jolinda Lengacher and Steve Brown as Tree Board members. Councilman Mitschelen seconds. Approved.

The Council reviewed Department Reports.

Councilman Klotz made a motion to approve the claims and adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Brown seconds. Approved.

Next Work Session: April 8th, 2024

Next Council Meeting: April 9th, 2024



President of Council



Clerk-Treasurer